WHEN THE GERMAN ARMY OCCUPIED OSTEND

American Newspaper Correspondent | hundred root Tells of the Marvellous Discipline and Perfection of System by Which Kaiser's Troops Move

I. M. Allison, an American newspaper correspondent who was in Belgium at the time of the capture of Antwerp and Ostend by the Germans, was deeply impressed by phases of the war which do not figure so prominently as the actual fighting-the human, the personal side. Some of the sights he saw among the fleeing Belgian population, among the German troops and at the War Office in London are

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on her arm. A footman so, beside driver of the car, but there was escort. Several officers, recognizing

shore resorts outside of Ostend, but passing constantly evidences of the near approach of the retreating armies. Along the smooth, straight road which paralleled the train the

doors, while priests and women wearing

onies as the tram passed.

From Knocke to Bruges a tram carried one through flat fields, subjected in an excess of agrand proaching manieuring than mere oulcountryside had been trimmed and rolled and watered and tended until there seemed no spot where a wild even would dare to show its sead. Picturesque villages, with hosoncerning food and drink, comrequent intervals, and farmhouses of

Here and there, as the tram crept siong, one saw horses in hundreds, commandeered for the cavalry, lazily crop ping the bright green grass. Most of them looked to be ill fed veterans of War for them was an un wonted delight and an unexpected para-

esidence in one, dotted the intervening

I had a letter to present at Brug to the general commandant from Johnson, It requested that I sl The chief ald of the general commandant informed me most courte-ously that he could not grant my re-The prisoners were removed vesterday.

Could I have the general's permission to proceed toward Chent? Certainly with pleasure. But at my own risk The Germans were near. They fired first and read passports afterward.

motor car was just leaving on some mysterious mission and going toward Ghent, Would I desire to ride in it as far as Maldegem? Would I? Not far as Maldegem? knowing the French or Flemish equivalent for "You bet your life." I merely and forthwith embarked.

the lieutenant who was my companion a city of the dead, in the car disappeared for a few minutes and returned with a villager and a cart. For ten francs, the lieutenant

running off along a hillside. I asked clump of trees, pointing meanwhile down the main road and emitting sotto voce expressions of excitement. Assisted by the expressive forefinger of my driver discovered a gray motor car a few hundred yards further along on the main A man in khaki-plainty an English soldier-was standing on the top of the car sweeping the country and the vista of road with field glasses, At that moment I saw my first Ger-

detachment of scouts which the man from Ghent had seen a few hours on bicycles, and they appeared over a car with their rifles. There was a roar enclosed tonneau. f the motor as the car got under way appeared in the fields, jumping their variety of picturesque uniform, mingled the morning, horses over ditches and low hedges. In the hurrying throng.

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But Germany, in Ostend, is very near to England. The first Taubes over Ostend were further from their base than they had been found for them. Upon my sul concurred—that no conscientious

were further from their base than they and lighting—the human, the personal among the fleeing Belgian population, at the War Office in London are the War Office in London are tritical concerning the encounter with the Maiser's army. Any one who saw it the while had their names written on the Kaiser's army. Any one who saw it will agree to one thing: If the Allies the ublans. Particularly they thought were further from their base than they now will be when they are flying above Plecadilly and Buckingham Palace. The few persons who remained to our hotel tramped up the stairs to the rooms which had their names written on the doors.

It took them about forty seconds to drop their packs on the beds and come they are the logic of the warment. I wanted to see the logic of the warment. I wanted to see the

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At last Ostend was ready for the Germans—with every shop front closed with iron shutters, every hotel and restaurant dark, and every Beigian of mili-

hundreds, just evicted from the tidy, red roofed farm houses where they had lived in comfort, sleeping on wet straw beneath railroad cars while the rain command of dismissal the came down in a dream down in of War---Scenes During Flight of Belgian People

> crowd sat or stood motionless, hopeless, a clerk of higher position, came out a nert. From its thousand lips rose an see us. unending, mournful mumur,

Here and there one saw an old man Buckley," he said. with the solemn dry eyes of patriarchal grief, or a soldier soberly threading his printed form and gave it to one of joining in his proposed communications to the British War Office.

"The Germans didn't tell us anything confidentially, you know," said he. "Of course if they had it would have been consecuted in the pass. At intervals came and gray uniform which the king has been consecuted in the pass. The women dozen Boy Scouts who sat on a bench awaiting orders. We followed the intigeness of the pass course, if they had, it would have been different."

I didn't stop to weigh the logic of this argument. I wanted to see the inside of the British War Office and it found the name she sought raise her nified Major in khaki in an office furnished with Spartan simplicity. He

"These gentlemen are to see Ma

the cars contained Field Marshal von der Goliz. German Governor-General of Belgium, and some of his staff. About this time the scene began to resemble an afternoon tea.

Every one was saluting every one was saluting every one the care of the care to be a possible to be without anything.

Instead of sentries in gorgous uniforms the crowds in order, cylied the attention of all newcomers to a line of people extending one block from the court. Now and again the statum the crowd surged upon them and was a surged upon them and was crowd to contract the called the crowd and the crowd and the country the called the crowd and the crowd

papers with elaborate filing marks were scattered over large tables. For two hours the officers questioned us and rehand.

At the beginning I was intensely terested. Before they had finished I was amazed. The German line officers I had talked to in Belgium seemed to know everything that was going on in Eng in Piccadilly, what was playing in the theatres, what ports were closed, many recruits were in each of the train ng camps. These officers, specialists in the British intelligence department knew very little about a hostile arm; near enough for England to hear the sound of its guns.

Did the German seem tired? Did y notice if they wore iron crosses on their caps? Where did they get their food? How many do you think there were? These and similar questions they asked

I endeavored to cover ground quickly "The Germans we saw did not wear crosses," said I. "They were young soldiers of the first line, not of the Landsturm. They were in the fittest possible condition. The mounts of the cavalry were fresh and well fed. The transport and commissary were excel-lent. The infantry had fought at Metz. Nancy, Liege, Louvain, Brussels and Antwerp.

"The first two infantry regiments in teenth. They had marched from Bruges on that day, but they came in singing and with fifes and drums playing There were no stragglers, About 20,000 troops of all arms passed through Ostend and about 6,000 with three six gun field barteries remained to be the town.

"The troops which passed through intrenching at Nieuport. The objective of the army is Dunkirk and then Calais The officers report that big guns arbeing brought to be placed behind the sea wall. They are the guns which were used at Antwerp, II inch howitz ers. There are none of the 17 inch howitzers with this army. "It is expected that the harbor

operation of submarines. The Germans are treating every one well. They are urging the refugees to return and assuring shopkeepers of protection. The have started the trams running and have left the Belgian flag flying over

Ostend shall be used as a base for the

"You summarize quite clearly," said ne of the officers. "May I ask, have one of the officers. you given this information elsewhere?

"I've sent it to my paper," said I. "Ah, yes," sald he, "Thank you, Now how do the Germans expect to take submarines to Ostend?" "By rail," said I.

The silence which followed was so dense that it was almost language. The officers politely refrained from pursuing the subject. So did I. I knew what they thought.

One more question which was asked

One of the sights in the raffroad yards at Ostend since the beginning of the long lines of cars which were gather d there from all over Belgium so that they might be safe-there-from cap-

"Did the Belgians blow up any of the railroads or bridges when they left?

"They did not." I answered. I think this question more than any other astonished me. It was five days since the Belgians had evacuated Ostend without blowing up any bridges or railroads.

As the officers courteously bid us good day the little boy scout came forward from the gloom of the corridor. "I've got your paper here," said he

"You can't get out without it." I read the Daily Mail at breakfast the performing the most stupendous task in the world's history. I was, so to speak, in the midst of things which were tremendous and magnificent.

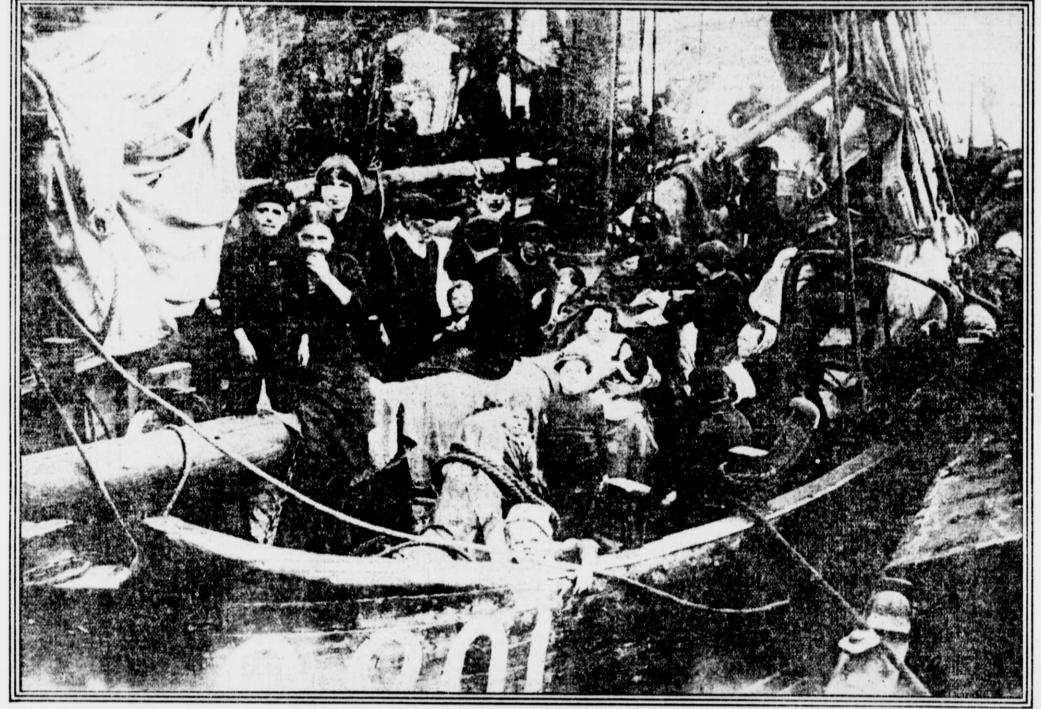
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On the same page under a mode War Department. It anneunces everything. It was: "Please be seated gaged by German submarines off Ostend tually discharging torpedoes, had wit

command up about Antwerp. They were and slept heaven only knows. I saw wagons came briskly around the left of seen and what the Germans had told us readers, but for the most part the great bustling young man, who seemed to be bor.

Fishing Smack Brings Cargo of Belgian Refugees to Dover hours the officers questioned us and referred to maps, one of them meanwhile making notes in quick, nervous short-



An Ostend fishing smack with its human freight of Belgian refugees lying in Dover harbor. This is one of many hundreds of similar sights. The refugees left their homes before the advancing Germans and are now penniless in a strange country. Photo copyright Underwood & Underwood.

port me toward Ghent with the distinct understanding that no clause in the contract required him to take any chances of getting shot.

We had gone but a short distance when the villager suddenly turned our when the villager suddenly turned our cart from the main road into a lane.

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As it moved a German monoplane- ping over his head. a Taube, easily identified by its wings At 4 in the afternoon, at the hotel shaped like a bird's came noiselessly in which I was staying, a soldier apinto the sky. echoed among the empty palaces which' cinema ograph photographer, James M. was the first Taube. From that me- cheerless resort on account of its emptiment there was hardly an hour in the ness, and the porter's frequent expresday when one did not appear.

the mad rush to leave Belgium reached the daving Mr. Downle when they earlier. There were five or six of them, its climax. Military motors of every description dashed perilously through a camera. dight rise in the road not more than 500 the thronged streets. Among them

the man with the fleid glasses diving somewhere into its interior. The Germans had not attempt to pursue the mying car, but remained in the road, dismounted, looking across the fields away from us. Four mounted Utlans soon on bicycles, on horses, on foot, in every of pleturesque uniform, mingled the mounted to the motor as the car got under way. Low wagons, drawn by great Flemish officers on the second floor, the men on ginning at 2 P. M. The Germans had horses, harnessed one behind another, the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men. They will be too divity. They may have clean sheets on the second night, if they stay. They may have clean sheets on the second night, if they stay. They may have clean sheets on the second night, if they stay. They may have clean sheets on the previous afternoon. The car with the officer and soldiers and drawn by parting dogs made their arrival on the previous afternoon. The car with the officer and soldiers and drawn by parting dogs made their the second night, if they stay. They may have clean sheets on the second night, if they stay. They may have clean sheets on the previous afternoon. The car with the officer and soldiers and drawn by parting dogs made their arrival on the previous afternoon. The car with the officer and soldiers and drawn by parting dogs made their arrival on the previous afternoon. The car with the officer and soldiers arrival on the previous afternoon. The car with the officers on the second floor, the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men on the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men on the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men on the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men on the third. Clean sheets for the officers. None for the men on the third. Clean sheets for the officers. The car with the officer and soldiers arrival on the previous afternoon. The car with the officers on the second floor, the third. Clean sheets for the officers. The car with the officers on the seco Low wagons, drawn by great Flemish

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assented in ordinary, unexcited English of the forlorn and forgotten, and busy and forthwith embarked.

At Maldegem, a queer little village, and busy and become—to use a back-neved, but the only accurate simile—as officer who was to be military governor.

Their faith in the German arms ever, and everything may be sold before, she was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and sold before is the was a pleasure to the eye, and the eye and the

bim where we were going and he a great black serpent, the evacuating from a city which had just capitulated magnificent buildings. Along this, like hardest fought campaigns made his exit to him, with the Stars and Stripes flap-

The soldiers-hundreds peared and said that he desired to look them-fired futile bullets at it, at the rooms. The place had been deand the crack, crack, of the rifles serted by all but the porter, an English had been hospitals until yesterday. That Downle and myself. It was an especially On the afternoon of the second day what the Germans were going to do to A few people attempted to board it.

Then he swiftly chalked names on along the line.

moved quicker and quicker to its tu- else and smiling, and saying pleasant ress of the war and the plans of the in the line. If you take your places emerged between two of these police. fairly stunned me, multuous ebb and then gradually disminished until there was a mere dribble Goltz the busiest of the lot. It became to define their conviction about three hours. You are late, how-groomed and gowned and gloved until

It was on the second day, when a left Bruges, fourteen miles away.

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It is a fine day, Herr Consul," said our heavy siege guns behind the sea. This officer had made precisely the upon the arm of a tall

twenty-four hours traffic on the tram line had been completely suspended. Downie and I were driving to the War panion. "These lists are two days old. A few almost hopeless refugees dismally inhabited the tram station, wondering if the cars would ever run again.

At 10 A. M. a single tram car apwas driven by a German soldier. Sev sions of deep conviction concerning eral soldiers and one officer were inside,

caught him with a British passport and "The rate of the military only." The officer dismounted at the station and crowd on the sidewalk and importantly price. The soldier who looked at the rooms gave directions briefly to the ticket passed a giant policeman at the iron. Here firally died my last conception gie cars. slight rise in the road not more than 500 the gray motor car. Invaried beyond the gray motor car. Inwith a quick firer protruding its black stands the gray motor car. Inthe car moved on. The ticket step aside for a woman who apparently had already shaken it. That was the probable that it was been probable that the Germans would step aside for a woman who apparently had already shaken it. That was the probable that the Germans would step aside for a woman who apparently had already shaken it. That was the probable that the Germans would step as the carrier seems are sufficiently for the glory of war. Another thing had already shaken it. That was the probable that the Germans would step as the carrier seems are sufficiently for the glory of war. Another thing had already shaken it. That was the carrier seems would step as the carrier seems are sufficiently for the carrier seems are sufficiently for the glory of war. Another thing had already shaken it. That was the carrier seems would seem the carrier seems are sufficiently for the ticket seems are sufficiently for the carrier seems are su men and five officers here to-night—the a schedule for three daily trains, beofficers on the second floor, the men on ginning at 2 P. M. The Germans had off across the roofs of the buildings op-

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> For Downie has upon hotel porters. workings of the great machine which is faint."

"No passengers," said the soldiers, were tremendous and magnificent.

new schedule to the station masters her face. A ragged little boy, whose horses over difference and low nedges. In the flurry is throng.

The he swiftly changed signals of some sort with the blowelists in the road and then little parade of a refusee family moving all of the gray-green scouts turned back.

And everywhere one saw the pathetic the below of of Ostend. And now I believe unnertainly toward the quay, the men battation of the 36th German infantry servedly in the saying that only three antergooms in the fourth of the gray-green scouts turned back.

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of Ostend. But the officer had not yet said, "and make it our base in opera- until the next boat sails, day after to- Only now her head was a little bowed and her hand rested as if for guidance at Osteha since the 300 locomotives at and her hand rested as if for guidance war has been the 300 locomotives at of the Government to Havre was posted, the veteran Von der Goltz. "Will you wall and hold off the English battles same remarks to Mr. Downie and my-uniform of the General Staff, who walked informed me, the villager would transport me toward Ghent with the distinct | Forming in the public squares regiment in my car."

Ships. Then we shall bring submarines self when the line of people was even beside her. Together they crossed the by rail from the east and put them in longer. Yet Mr. Downie and myself court, the officer directing her footsteps

tend for the Dutch border I observed a matter of moment, since there was no an incident which gives a striking illus- other place to sleep. It was all due to doors, and as it sped away with hertration of the system on which the won- the positively hypnotic effect which Mr. alone—her face was buried in its fawn Cownie has upon hotel porters.

I felt a sense of elation when Mr. "It isn't so bad to-day," said my com-

Office on the morning following our ar- But when they put out new ones it's next morning. In a prominent position rival in London. I was to have a awful. See, over there's the hospital I found an article by the Mail's militar special and exclusive view of the inner they had to open for the women who expert commenting upon the stor

carrion seent which stains the air for tempt such a thing. The British pub carrion seent which stains the air for miles and miles in what was beautiful was assured that there would be no submarines at Ostend and that Britain's At last we passed into the enormous endangered. building. A crowd was clamoring at

windows and railings, while confused heading I found an official bulletin and weary clerks mechanically responded. They had one formula for that British destroyers had for a few moments; we will find out and that the submarines, after in